

Dissolution of Congregation,
Waterloo North Presbyterian Church,
December 30, 2012

DATE AND PLACE:

The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington met in Special Session within Waterloo North Presbyterian Church, Waterloo on Sunday, December 30th, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. for the sole purpose of conducting a Service of Dissolution of Waterloo North Presbyterian Church, Waterloo, Ontario.

ATTENDANCE:

Ministers: Rev. Linda Ashfield (Moderator) Rev. John Borthwick, Rev. Brooke Ashfield, Rev. Calvin Brown, Rev. Dr. Herb Gale, Rev. Robert Sinasac, Rev. Jeff L. Smith, Rev. Andrew Song,

Representative Elders:- Junghee Ahn, Jim Akerstream, Johan DeSchiffart, Andrew Foster, Judith Harrison, Dale McKee, David Ogram, Bert Perriman, Liz Samis, Don Vickers, Wilma Welsh (Clerk), Jim Zaryski

Alternate Representative Elders: Helen Cleghorn Mary Ann Koeslag (Treasurer), Reg Samis

Ministers on the Appendix to the Roll: Rev. Dr. Walter McLean

REGRETS:

Ministers: Rev. Dr. Linda Bell, Rev. Dr. Aubrey Botha, Rev. William Bynum, Rev. Edward Charlton, Rev. Chris Ji Hoon Cho, Rev. Mark Gaskin, rev. Janice Hamalainan, Rev. Mark Lewis, Rev. Alex MacLeod, Rev. Kathy Morden, Rev. Johan Olivier, Rev. Mark Richardson, Rev Linda Paquette, Rev. Nan St. Louis, Rev. David Whitecross, Rev. Karla Wübbenhorst.

Representative Elders: Jean Godin, Hazel Hislop, Marion Hunter, Lydia Maitland, Gwen MacRobbie, Ross Rowat

Alternate Representative Elders: Colin Carmichael, Iris Richardson

Ministers on the Appendix to the Roll: Rev. Robert Duncanson, Rev. Penny Garrison, Rev. Angus McGillivray, Rev. Jeffrey E. Smith, Rev. Glen Soderholm, Rev. Dr. Robert Spencer

CONSTITUTION:

The Moderator, the Rev. Linda Ashfield, Constituted the Court with prayer.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

The Moderator warmly welcomed all and thanked them for attending this special service.

Walter McLean spoke briefly at the presbytery meeting before the service, sharing a bit of the history of the congregation of North Waterloo and suggesting that the Presbytery study why some congregations established at a time similar to Waterloo North were doing well. What happened in the case of Waterloo North. The Clerk suggested that he put the information he shared in writing. The email received with this information will be considered by the Business Committee.

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HISTORY OF WATERLOO NORTH

The inaugural service of Waterloo North Presbyterian Church was held April 16, 1978, at Sir Edgar Bauer Separate School, with the Rev. Iris Ford as the first minister. On October 1st, 1978 the Service of Establishment was held with 67 people being charter members.

Laurel Church was jointly planned by All Saints' Anglican Church and Waterloo North Presbyterian Church with the sod turning on June 21st, 1981 and the dedication service held on March 7, 1983.

The congregation has been served by three ministers, various Interim Moderators and as well as Stated Supply. The current minister, the Rev. Robert Sinasac was inducted on December 2nd, 2006. We give God thanks for the faithful witness of the many people who have been associated with Waterloo North.

It was noted that the last service of worship for Waterloo North Presbyterian Church was held on December 16th, 2012.

ORDER OF WORSHIP:

The Rev. Linda Ashfield, Moderator, walked the Court through the Order of Worship. It was agreed that the Order of Worship be adopted as printed.

ADJOURNMENT/BENEDICTION:

It was moved by the Rev. Calvin Brown/Andrew Foster that the Presbytery adjourn when the Benediction is pronounced at the end of the service. CARRIED

The Rev. Linda Ashfield welcomed everyone to this special service.

Hymns sung were -

Blessed Assurance
What a friend we have in Jesus
Infant holy, infant lowly
Joy to the World

Wilma Welsh led the congregation in the responsive Call to Worship

Following the passing of the peace, the Clerk of Session and the pianist spoke about the ministry of the Rev. Robert Sinasac at Waterloo North.

The Scripture Reading from John 1: 1-18 was read by the Rev. John Borthwick and the meditation "A loss for words" was preached by the Rev. John Borthwick.

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The prayers, Litany of Closing/A Litany of Praise was led by the Moderator, the Rev. Linda Ashfield.

The Service of Dissolution was led by the Moderator, Rev. Linda Ashfield and the records were presented to Wilma Welsh, Clerk of Presbytery by Tom McBride, the Clerk of Session of Waterloo North Presbyterian Church.

The Declaration was given by the Moderator of Presbytery declaring that the congregation of Waterloo North Presbyterian Church was dissolved.

The Moderator invited elders from Waterloo North Presbyterian Church to gather at the front to remove from the sanctuary the communion ware, the baptismal bowl and water pitcher, the Bible and the Cross. The keys were placed in the hands of the Clerk immediately after the service.

BENEDICTION:

The Charge/Benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Linda Ashfield.

Moderator

Clerk